

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not available just now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a special section located at Tovala for investigating all the original works there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the member be pleased to let me know the yearly allotment for the improvement of tanks by the side of this intended reservoir?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Opening of a drainage channel for the Punja Cultivators of Vettiyyar in the Mavelikara Taluk.*

45. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the frequent petitions sent by the owners of paddy fields in Peruveli punja in Vettiyyar, Mavelikara taluk, about the heavy losses suffered by them for want of a proper drainage channel leading to the neighbouring river?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to order the channel prayed for to be cut before the next punja cultivation or as early as practicable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Provision has been made in the Preliminary Budget for 1101 for the diversion of the Vettiyyar Channel, in item No. 218, Part II - New Works.

(b) The work will be taken up after an estimate is prepared and sanctioned, provided the Council approve the provision in the budget.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government kindly state whether the provision will be sufficient for finishing the work or for only a part of it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The amount provided for the purpose, in the budget for 1101, is Rs. 1,500. I cannot say whether that would be sufficient for finishing the work.

*Reconstruction of a Bridge across the Kayankulam Canal near Pathiyur Temple.*

46. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (a) Are the Government aware that a bridge on the village road leading from Keerikad, Pathiyur, etc. to Mavelikara over the Kayankulam canal to the east of the Pathiyur temple has been in ruins for several years past, and that only a few of the iron pillars of the bridge are left standing at present?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to have the bridge reconstructed for cart traffic as early as practicable so that the danger and the inconvenience to the people may be removed?